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It was emotional night for the Haliburton County Huskies and their fans on Saturday as they played their final game of the year. See more photos on page 15. /Tim Yano Special to the *Times*

Haliburton OPP detachment board takes shape

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton will get a new means to oversee policing activities in the county.

The provincial government changed how Ontario Provincial Police detachments are supervised in 2019. Minden Hills township council heard during its Mar. 14 meeting that those changes will take effect in Ap.

"One of the unfortunate things about it is that the regulation still have not been released," said Mayor Bob Carter. "So there are still a number of questions in the air."

Carter was chosen to be the representative of township council on the detachment board.

One of the things that's known is there will be a police board for the local OPP detachment.

The new detachment board will be com-

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prised of seven members. One from Haliburton County council and one each from the four lower tier municipalities. One community member jointly appointed by county and local municipal councils will be included with a provincial appointee.

The new legislation states that former members of the OPP are prohibited from serving as detachment board members. But people who were members of police services other than the OPP can be on the board.

Carter said the board is to oversee policing activities in the area.

"These detachment boards have existed for quite some time in other areas where there was a contract agreement with the OPP to provide services into an area," he said. "We did not have that, as many did not."

Given the length of time it takes for committee and board appointments to be approved by Queen's Park, Carter said he doesn't expect the provincial representative to begin on the local detachment board until possibly next year.

Through discussions at the county level, he said there's the idea that the municipal council representatives should be the four mayors for the remainder of the term.

"The next council will be deciding who should be (representative)," he said. "It will be more like a regular committee of council and will be recommending whether it be the mayor or anybody else."

Councillor Tammy McKelvey said detachment board costs are to be covered 50 per cent by the county with the other half split among the municipalities.

"Could it not just be all at the county?" she said.

"I suggested exactly that," Carter said. "It just doesn't make sense to split it up."

He said it may be that the county will cover all of the about $70,000 cost for the board.

"It actually will probably be less than $70,000," Carter said. "Money has to be put in because there has to be remuneration for people to attend the meetings. But that's already covered for a lot of the elected officials."

McKelvey said there's also been talk that the county representative may be replaced by another member from the public.

Carter said that, while all the regulations haven't been worked out yet, that individual has to elected.

"If it is an elected official from the county and the four mayors are already on, it means one of the municipalities will have two representatives," Carter said. "And if the provincial representative happened to be from the same municipality, then you could potentially have four people from the same township on the board.

"That's something we would want to avoid, if we could."

Coun. Pam Sayne said there's been concern that the province is downloading more responsibility through the board's creation.

"We're almost at one per cent of the tax base here," she said of Minden Hill's share of the costs to run the board. "It really is a downloading on the administrative, and the remuneration, and the running of this to the municipalities."

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County paves the way for more Dysart housing options

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart has taken steps to allow more housing on developed lots.

Haliburton County approved the township's amendments to its Official Plan (OP) that would enable it to accommodate provincial Planning Act changes.

Dysart's municipally initiated OP amendment that takes in recent policy changes to the Planning Act. The changes were introduced to allow additional residential housing units.

The province introduced the policy changes as a means to "allow gentle intensification" of settlement areas, said Adam Kozlowski, the county's senior planner.

Dysart's OP amendment will permit development of an additional dwelling unit (ADU) in specified areas of the municipality.

Kozlowski said Dysart will allow an additional unit in Haliburton Village, one additional residential unit in the hamlet area, one of the smaller villages, and an additional unit in rural areas serviced year-round by a maintained road.

While the county's OP policies permit up to three additional units, final determination of the maximum number of units is at the discretion of local council.

ADUs are not permitted in waterfront areas or within 300 metres of an at-capacity trout lake in accordance with provincial, county, and municipal environmental policies.

"Following through with that, municipal zoning will establish the performance standards for these additional residential units such as setbacks, size, height, so on," he said.

Kozlowski said the basis of Dysart OP Amendment No. 3 is to implement recent changes to provincial policy documents.

Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act, brought significant changes to the Planning Act, including authorizing additional residential units in a house or building ancillary to a house.

Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, implemented further changes to the Planning Act and strengthened the additional residential unit framework to permit landowners to add up to three residential units where full municipal water and sewer services are available.

"Basically, what you'll be looking at is the residential house is No. 1," Kozlowski said. "And then you could have either two apartments in a house or you can have one apartment in the house and one apartment in a detached garage."

The proposed amendments recognize the servicing capabilities of the municipality and therefore intend to update and strengthen the existing language surrounding "secondary units", to permit and provide a policy framework for additional dwelling units.

The proposed amendments further intend to update and strengthen the existing language for complete applications and clarify the types of applications that require pre-consultation.

An amendment to the municipality's zoning bylaw is also being contemplated to incorporate provisions to regulate the use of additional dwelling units.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux, the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, asked if a property already zoned waterfront that otherwise meets the criteria for a secondary dwelling could qualify for a zoning variance.

"The policy introduced here through this amendment is pretty specific," Kozlowski said. "It says it's not permitted in a waterfront designation."

In Dysart, the waterfront designation extends a specific number of feet back from the lake's edge, he said.

"It's kind of a buffer around the lake," he said. "A waterfront parcel, if it's in the waterfront designation, the policy would not allow it."

The policy changes don't permit added housing on lots accessible by private roads.

"So I guess we will all have to watch because we'll be getting a lot of pressure to assume roads in all of our townships," said Coun. Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills.

Coun. Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, wondered if some of the smaller private roads could be deemed to be mutually-shared driveways.

"In other words, I've got three houses on a private road, but it's only 600 metres long," he said. "So they say this is basically a shared driveway. Not a private road."

"Just off the top, it does sound gray and I know there are situations out there where you have properties that have houses and they have shared driveways," Kozlowski said. "I think the key here is that the lot in question has to have frontage on and access to a year-round maintained road."

He suggested local municipal staff may have to consider rezoning to fairly recognize such a scenario.

"It will be very case-by-case in that situation," he said.

Another aspect of the Dysart amendment updates the application criteria. The provincial legislation and the county OP have policies that establish authority to request further information as part of a complete application.

Peer-review comments and other agency comments are now required for an application to be complete. That means a peer-reviewed traffic study and comments from the Ministry of Transportation are required to complete an application.

"This way council has the complete picture in front of it," Kozlowski said. "All the comments have been vetted. By front-ending that requirement, it should allow the applications to be processed more efficiently."

There will be less back and forth between councils and applicants because it's pointed out all the information that's required.

Another change is that the previous policy didn't require pre-consultation on site plans for zoning variations.

Coun. Murray Fearrey, Dysart's mayor, asked if the site plan approval will require surveying or a mere sketch of the idea.

"I would suggest that it depends on the size of it," Kozlowski said. "If it was an industrial development, I would probably want a survey or sketch."

Ultimately, Kozlowski said it's at council's discretion what they would like to see

Minden Kin Club's 2024 Ice Races recap

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Typically, the ice races that take place in Minden last for six weeks. The ice racing season starts at the end of January and finishes around the first week of March. This year, bare grass can be seen at the Minden Fairgrounds instead of a glassy smooth ice racing track.

"I was down around Peterborough when I first heard about it. I was with the Kinsmen club," says Tom Prentice, Kin Club lifetime member."

"I proposed we could bring it to Minden for the Winter Carnival."

In the winter of 1977, the first ice race happened in Minden. Primarily, ice racing took place on frozen lakes around Ontario. The Canadian Automobile Sports Club decided to make Minden Fairgrounds the home of ice racing in Ontario.

Prentice has helped build the ice racing track since 1977 and has raced in the ice races up until this year.

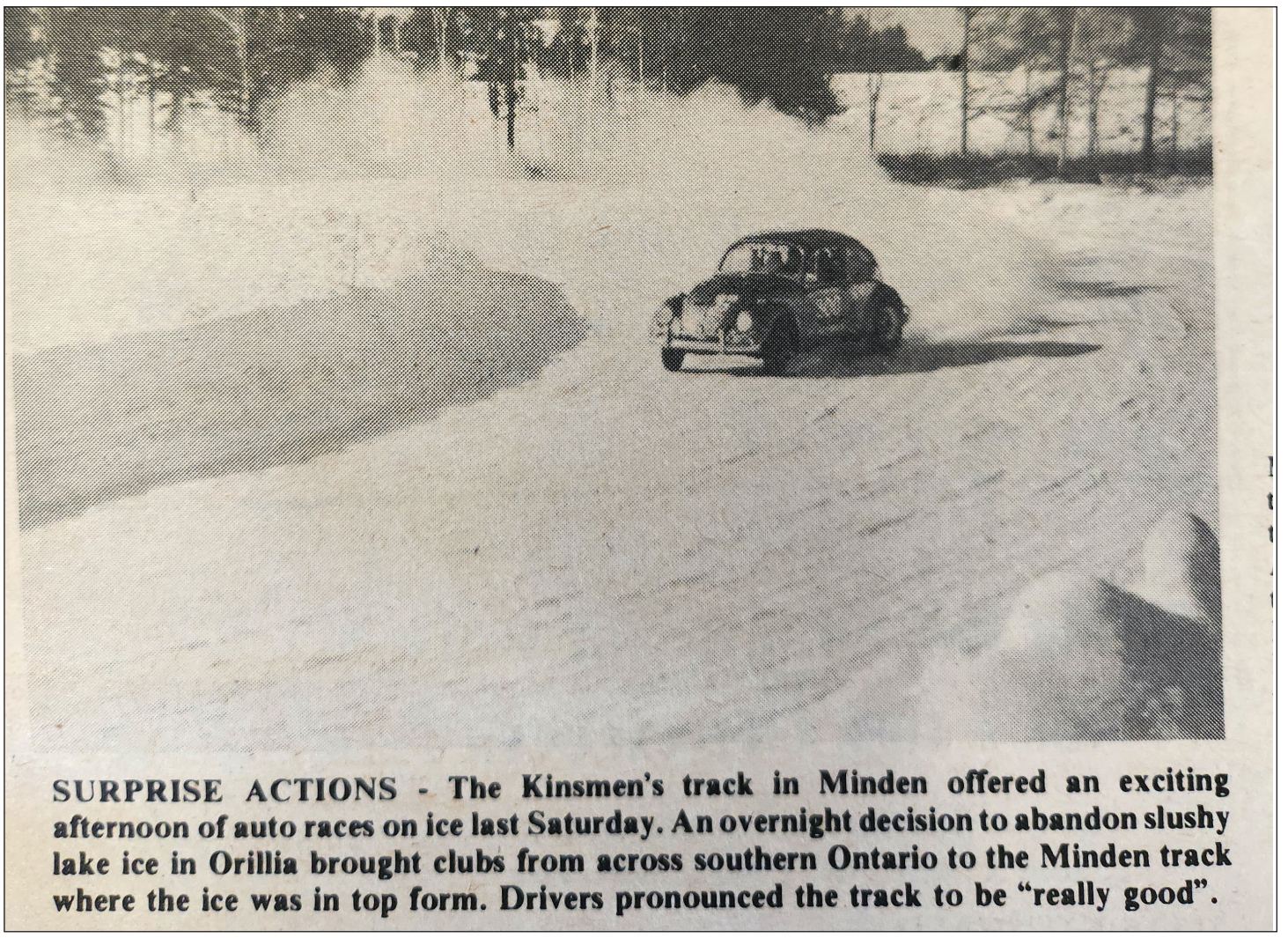
"It was down by two weekends. We got four of the six weekends," says Prentice. "The number of drivers this year was down."

Due to the weather interfering with the ice, driver's were forced to change their tires. Less aggressive studs were made mandatory to preserve the ice racing track. Several drivers were unable to participate in the racing season this year due to the high cost of buying new tires, says Prentice.

For some races, people simply didn't get their cars ready due to the unpredictability of the winter. Several automobile racing clubs from across Ontario organize each weekend of ice races at the Minden Fairgrounds. Some of these clubs include the British Automobile Racing Club and Peterborough Motorsports Club.

"Every club that organized this year lost money," says Prentice.

The ice races are organized by the Kin Club of Minden. Creating the ice races is an act of community service and one that fuels the local economy. The ice races are something that Minden Kin Club has won an award for, says Prentice. Not only do the ice races draw crowds in the winter, but the drivers that are participating in the races stay at local accommodations.


SURPRISE ACTIONS - The Kinsmen's track in Minden offered an exciting afternoon of auto races on ice last Saturday. An overnight decision to abandon slushy lake ice in Orillia brought clubs from across southern Ontario to the Minden track where the ice was in top form. Drivers pronounced the track to be "really good".

A photo of the ice races from a 1979 edition of *Minden Times*. /File

"It's a nice thing to entice people into town," says Prentice.

Despite less drivers and uncooperative ice, there was not a noticeable difference in the crowd.

"It was pretty close to being average," says Prentice. He says that with the number of drivers being down, their families and friends that typically come to watch in the crowd were not there.

A majority of the racers are out of towners who bring families and friends that will also stay in the area. Racers primarily come from the Toronto area, but others come from Peterborough, Oshawa, Sharbot Lake, and Lindsay. Prentice estimates 98 per cent of drivers are from out. All of these people visiting Minden injects money into the local economy.

While the season is just ending, Prentice is already looking forward to next year's ice racing season.

"The biggest misconception is that they're just a bunch of guys goofing around. It is highly organized," says Prentice.

You need a special driver's permit, membership to the club, tires, medics on stand by, and official scorekeepers, says Prentice. Every car has to use specific tires and adhere to the rules for ice racing vehicles assigned by the CASC.

Rookies that begin racing for the ice races must do training and put a sticker on their vehicle warning other drivers, says Prentice.

For the past two years, the Lions Club has been helping the ice races through selling food and drinks. Lion Club was brought in due to a lack of volunteers with the Kin Club.

While this year had less racers, race fans from all over await for 2024's ice racing season in Minden.

Without Tom Prentice and the Minden Kin Club, the event would not be possible, says the CASC.

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• Attention all crafters! Join the UFO's (Unfinished Objects) craft group to work on your neglected projects. The next gathering is at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Friday, March 22 from 1-3 pm.
• Connection and Response, an exhibit by artist Bruce Cull will be on display from April 4 – June 8 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The opening reception with the artist takes place on Saturday, April 6 from 1-3 pm. All are welcome. Admission is by donation. The Gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm.

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• **March 28** – Regular Council Meeting and 2024 Budget (Ratifying 2024 Final Budget and Business Plans)
• **April 11** – Regular Council Meeting
• **April 25** – Regular Council Meeting

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Kate's Burger Counter awaits hot, hot, hot weather

by THOMAS SMITH
Editor

Kate's Burger Counter is open all throughout the winter. The hours are Friday thru Monday, 1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

Kate's Burger Counter first began in July of 2020. Tanya Smith and partner Jon Tulk began their business to keep Jon busy after working as a teacher for 10+ years in Toronto. Smith previously worked as a horticulturist for 20+ years.

Unlike many restaurants and fast food counters in Haliburton County, Kate's Burger Counter remains open the entire winter.

"People don't realise that we're open for the winter. Or don't even realise that we're here," says Smith with a laugh.

Kate's Burger Counter was named in honour of Tulk's late sister.

"All we did was run the ice cream hut at first to kind of just get used to everything and then playing around in the kitchen on days that we were closed," says Smith.

"Then we finally had the restaurant open on the Labour Day weekend of 2020. This will be our fourth year, third year running fully both the ice cream hut and restaurant at the same time," says Smith with a smile.

"We're big foodies," assures Smith.

Smith and Tulk say that there were little to no issues opening their business during the pandemic and thank the local health department for being such a pleasure to work with.

"In a time when Ford said don't go to your cottage, people came up to their cottage," says Tulk with a laugh.

This winter, Smith and Tulk decided to advertise Kate's Burger Counter in the snowmobiling guide.

"It was just marginally quieter but I would say it is a little bit the same,"explains Smith. "People are still getting to know us even though we've been open for our fourth winter. We didn't see as many cottagers. A lot more locals coming in and still a lot of new locals finding us out."

"We've had a lot of great community support, which we are always grateful for," says Smith. "We're always excited for when new locals or new cottagers find us, or even old cottagers that are just discovering us. We didn't see as many cottagers up due to the uncooperative weather."

Smith says that the decision to change their operating hours to 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday to Monday has been quite beneficial.

"We found that a lot of things aren't opened up around here on a Monday," explains Smith. "We decided to stay open on the Monday. So that kinda helps out, especially on the long weekends."

The Monday of March Break saw a large increase in business.

"We're a little taken aback. We did our Monday special and I did double the amount last time that I did that special. We sold out of burgers, out of fries," says Smith.

"It was a great day. If only every day could be like that."

Tulk takes great pride in making the burgers for the restaurant by hand and as fresh as possible.

"I'll make hamburgers 3, sometimes 4 times a day because I don't want them to sit overnight," explains Tulk." "Even our buttermilk chicken sandwich is made fresh everyday. Really, everything is day-of."

"That is why we sometimes run out of food because I only want to buy just enough."

"No binder, no fillers. Our burgers are actually gluten friendly," says Tulk

"Not the bun," says Smith with a laugh. Lettuce wraps and gluten free buns are offered during the summer.

Kate's Burger Counter's hamburger recipe was devised entirely by Smith and Tulk.

"Our burgers are old school. They're just really good, backyard burgers," explains Tulk.

"He always says it like it's always so simple but no, it's more like eating a steak. Like a ground steak, pressed onto a patty," explains Smith.

"The cuts of beef that we use are such high quality cuts. Most people in their backyard wouldn't make burgers like this."

"In the tubes of ground beef, you'd be shocked how many cows are ground that go in there," says Tulk.

"We try to be as environmentally friendly as possible," says Tulk. "Although we are definitely contributing to cow farts."

All of the utensils, boxes, and drinks are served in reusable containers. Their straws are made out of pressed sugar cane, rather than paper that was met with negative feedback.

"With the biodegradable plastic straws, they were not wide enough to suck up our milkshake. We tried paper straws the following year, but I found I had to hand out two straws," says Smith. "For the amount of money to hand out two straws it is the same cost as one single sugarcane straw. You can throw it in your compost."

Tulk and his sister had a cottage on Haliburton Lake and grew up in the area during the summers.

Smith and Tulk fell in love with the view of Kashagawigamog Lake and their living space above their business.

During the summer of 2023, Kate's Burger Counter experienced some fire damage that temporarily halted their business. Hot oil, melted from a bucket, got into the drain pipe which started a smouldering fire beneath the floor.

"Everybody was so supportive. We had customers that never got ice cream, actually come for a serving of ice cream for us just to chat," says Smith.

After the fire, Smith took out their frustrations through painting the walls of the restaurant. Recently, they have also replaced their old lighting fixtures and used modern LED bulbs.

"We don't ever have to change a lightbulb again," says Smith.

July and August are their busiest months.

"Because we have docks, it's a whole lot easier for grandparents to load up the pontoon and come here," says Smith. "We have 16 flavours of ice cream. We always have at least one kid's favourite."

"We'll try to have a new flavour at least once. We have our eight core flavours, but everything else gets rotated." says Smith.

Tulk is always trying to combine flavours, such as orange and death by chocolate, which he says tastes exactly like a Terry's Chocolate Orange.

"We're looking forward to a very good and very strong spring and summer season this year," says Smith. "Apparently it's supposed to be hot, hot, hot."

"We love talking to people and making them happy with our food," says Smith.

When time permits, Smith and Tulk enjoy checking up on their customers and ensure that they are satisfied with their meal and correct anything that needs to be corrected.

Smith and Tulk have quickly become pillars of the local community. From organising the rescue of stray dogs, to Smith's involvement with Minden Horticultural Society and Lake Kashagawigamog Organization, Kate's Burger Counters offers more to the county than delicious burgers, milkshakes, and ice cream.

What is their favourite part of running Kate's Burger Counter?

"The excitement of the little kids," says Tulk with a wide grin.

"Eating their first ice cream of the season," says Smith with a laugh.

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New CEO a bright light at the library

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Haliburton County Public Library's leadership was recently put in the capable hands of Andrea Brown, a new local to Haliburton whose passion for providing support to the community through the library's services shines through her warm personality.

She loves the county and wants to see it thrive, using 20 years of experience to get there.

"I want the library to be a place where everyone feels welcome and belongs," Brown said. "The public library is free, and we know a lot of people in Haliburton are struggling financially right now for all sorts of different reasons. We have a seasonal population with a lot more economic resources, but a lot of people that live here year-round really benefit from the types of programs and collections that we have at the library."

After working in libraries across the country for two decades, it's no surprise she was hired in 2021 as program and outreach coordinator.

Her role quickly turned into the public services manager and deputy CEO, before becoming the full-fledged chief in February.

"It's been very, very, very busy," she laughed. "I've definitely settled in here."

Although she's technically been a Haliburton County resident for a couple of years, she knew the Highlands would become home for much longer.

"My family has a cottage close by. My grandparents' generation bought a piece of land and built four cottages. It still belongs to our family and is the most magical place," Brown said. "I always knew that I eventually wanted to come back to this area and be close to the cottage that I love so much."

Brown attended Trent University in Peterborough for her undergrad.

Working at the Bata Library there during her studies ignited the spark.

"I knew I wanted to devote my life to developing communities that are strong and resilient. I love helping people and of course love reading," says Brown with a laugh.

Andrea Brown, Haliburton County Public Library's new CEO, stands outside the Dysart branch. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Brown then moved out west to earn her Master of Library and Information studies at UBC.

She applied at the Vancouver Public Library and started out shelving books in the children's library.

"I was very lucky and had lots of great learning opportunities there," she said. "I did a lot of really interesting community work, not just in the library but spending time out in the community. I went to food banks, refugee support programs, teen support programs."

She worked as the Early Years assistant coordinator and had the opportunity to help develop a children's book that helps kids and parents with early literacy at home.

"Public libraries everywhere, from coast to coast to coast, have a mandate about sharing information, ideas, and stories. There are many similarities for all in terms of providing access and maintaining intellectual freedom," she said. "That of course applies to HCPL, too."

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Brown was flying back to Ontario several times a year to visit family.

"We knew it was just time to come back."

While looking for different places to live with public library job postings, she was thrilled to see Haliburton's name in the mix.

"I always wanted to come back to the forest and the lakes," she said. "Here's it's such a fabulous community. We have so many people who volunteer and contribute, we have a thriving local media which we're so lucky to have."

Although it's a much smaller community than the bustle of Vancouver, Brown said HCPL's programming is just as robust.

"The library has so much to offer everyone. There are so many resources online too," she said. "If you have internet access at home or want to come to the library, we have the Libby app that can be downloaded for free. There are so many magazines available for free."

E Books and Audiobooks are also available through the HCPL website.

"There's lots more than just books in the library. We have so many programs," she said.

Although everyday is busy, Brown looks ahead to the future.

"What I'm most looking forward to is seeing what kind of creative, exciting projects we can come up with together to serve our community and to make it a fun and exciting place to live and be for everyone," she said.

To see everything HCPL has to offer, visit haliburtonlibrary.ca.

"I'm thrilled to work with such a talented team. Every single staff member here has great heart and passion for serving the community. I can't wait to see where that takes us," Brown said.

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Ingoldsby: Secret culinary wonderland?

I WAS STRUCK by the burning passion that Tanya Smith and Jon Tuck bring to running Kate's Burger Counter in Ingoldsby.

Tuck's dedication to his burgers is beautiful. Every day he treats the burgers as his children that he is birthing into the world. No fillers, no binders, nothing to make people's celiac disease get upset over (besides the bun, until they offer alternatives in the summer). With modern fast food like McDonald's, Harvey's, or Burger King, you can get a burger in minutes, sometimes even seconds.

At Kate's Burger Counter, you gotta wait. Just a little bit.

While you wait, why don't you check out that view?

Take in the scenery for a little bit. Go stand on the docks and take in the beauty that Kashagawigamog Lake has to offer.

While you wait, you know that Smith and Tuck are creating something beautiful back there.

Good things come to those who wait, says Guinness advertisers. In this case, trade the surfer out for a canoeist and maybe the horses for deer.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

As someone who has worked in the culinary industry, I know what it is like working in the heat of the kitchen. I know that voice of uncertainty in the depths of your mind while relying on the grace and appeasement of hungry customers to make your next paycheque.

Kate's Burger Counter is valiantly on the front lines serving some tasty grub and delicious shakes to wet your whistle.

Rumours say that an A&W restaurant is coming to Minden.

The gluttonous corporate boogeyman waits in the shadows to rob from small businesses like Kate's Burger Counter. We already have a plethora of dining options in the county.

Smith and Tulk still regularly have visitors from Ingoldsby itself that did not know they were there, or that they are open all winter long.

All winter long, the pair work in tandem to satisfy carnal desires of sledders, travellers, and those that simply want to treat themselves.

As a baby born in Toronto, it was by birthright that I grew up on Lick's. Rest in peace Lick's Homeburgers. To make up for it, every time I am in the area, I stop by Square Boy Burgers on the Danforth for a burger. It's a simple transaction; I hand them money, they hand me my burger. If I want toppings, it's like asking the world of them. They aren't here to be my friend, they're out there on the front lines knowing that they make a delicious burger. A burger that you will come back for.

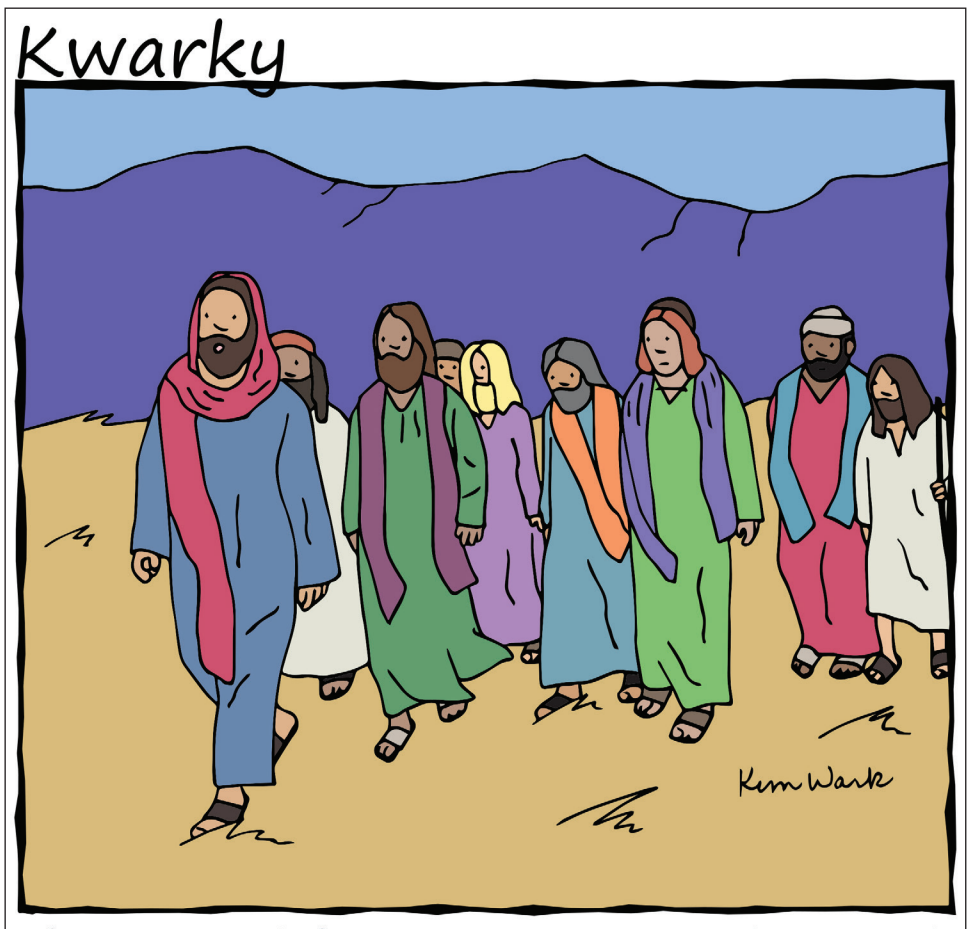
Kate's Burger Counter invigorates the inner child within me and a sense of being a part of something special. It is clear to me that Smith and Tulk live and breathe their business. You should have seen the smile on their faces when they were discussing how many people they are able to hire during their summer, or how their oldest worker was over 80.

Ingoldsby is lucky to be in this unique position of culinary exploration. One may not know this, but this tiny town, a blip on the map of Haliburton County, offers all ranges of the culinary spectrum.

On one end of the spectrum, Haliburton Post House offers a luxurious fine dining experience that includes a variety of amuse-bouche and a menu that showcases choices such as Waldorf salad, foie gras parfait, lamb kofta, Fogo Island turbot and pawpaw custard. On the other side of the bridge, Kate's Burger Counter offers lovingly made fried chicken sandwiches, burgers ground by hand, milkshakes, and simple Kawartha Dairy ice cream.

Both of these fine establishments act to bring your mouth on the adventure that it rightfully deserves. Both of them are sides of the same coin. Be honest, they do the work that you don't want to do and they make you happy doing it. Both businesses offer culinary experiences in their own right, surrounded by the majesty of Kashagawigamog Lake.

Don't keep Ingoldsby a culinary secret.



"If you're tired, follow me on social media instead."

Bear avoidance

IF YOU have been paying attention in the last week or so, you might have heard a lot of talk about bears being out of their dens and wandering about. This, understandably, makes many people nervous. But there is no need to be nervous, provided you know how to stay safe in the woods at times like this.

Of course, there is all the standard advice. I'm talking about the regular things experts advocate, like making noise as you walk through the woods, keeping your dog on a lead, or pretending you are big when you encounter a bear, or not running – unless you are travelling with someone who you are certain you can outrun. All these things work. But the very best thing you can do is the one thing no one ever writes about.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

It is very simple really: just don't be where the bears are. That's right. Avoid them entirely.

I am not exactly a bear expert, but, rest assured, I have given this a lot of thought.

Which is why I have come to the conclusion that it is good to know where your local bear dens are. Because, if you know where they are, you have found the perfect place to avoid wandering bears.

Hear me out. Once the bears leave their dens, that den is the last place they are going to look. That makes it literally the perfect place to hide and avoid them.

Obviously, there is more to it than that.

It should go without saying that you need to ensure that the bear den in question is unoccupied. That's because this technique won't work if there is even one bear in it.

As you might have guessed, when it comes to seeing if a bear den is occupied, there is a right and wrong way to do it.

The wrong way is to do it yourself. The right way is to take along a partner who is what they call a "people pleaser". You know, one of those kind souls who never says no because they do not want to disappoint when you ask questions like, "How about you stick your head in that bear den to see whether or not it's occupied?"

I know what you are thinking. You're thinking this sounds very risky. But that's only if you are holding your people pleaser by the ankles as he or she crawls in. This, of course, is a rookie mistake. It's far safer to tie a rope around his or her ankles and lower them in from a safe distance.

That way, even when you pull them out, and an angry bear follows, you still have an advantage when outrunning them, so long as your knots hold out.

Of course, being that far away means you will have to listen closely. Because it is not easy to hear low growls, muffled yells, whimpering, or "accidents" as they occur. But, you know, that's the risk you've got to take if you want to play it safe.

Again, I'm going to stress that I am not a bear expert and I have not yet tried the theories I am introducing.

But I will be trying them soon, if I can just sort out a few important details.

Does anybody know a people pleaser?

InOtherWords

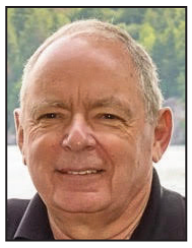
Columns and Letters to the Editor

Keep calm. Keep pouring

I LEARNED THIS week that the world has too much wine. We are fermenting more grape juice than we are drinking.

Australian wineries are reported to be sitting on more than 256 million unsold cases of wine—more than two years of inventory. And, the European Union has paid France $172 million to destroy more than 80 million gallons of excess wine. It will be distilled into ethanol that can be used in perfumes, cleaning products and hand sanitizers.

There are similar stories from most of the world's wine producing areas, British Columbia and Ontario included.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Far too much wine and fewer people drinking it. I've been drinking my share to help restore a balance, but it's not been enough. I'm going to try harder.

Wine drinking world-wide declined six per cent between 2017 and 2022. In Canada, wine sales have declined at their fastest pace in more than a decade. They fell by four per cent in 2021/2022, the largest decrease since Statistics Canada began tracking alcohol sales in 1949.

Falling wine sales have led wine producers around the world to cut production, some drastically. Extreme weather and changing drinking patterns are cited as the main reasons for decreased production and falling sales. Many producers have deliberately cut back on vineyard sizes, while others have seen wild weather reduce their crop sizes.

British Columbia has reported huge crop losses resulting from summer droughts, fall flooding and extreme winter cold and snowfalls during the last couple of years. Provincial grape growers say extreme weather has caused a 54 per cent reduction in grape and wine production for the 2023 vintage.

But the other big factor is that people are changing their drinking habits. Inflation has increased wine prices, forcing some drinkers to go to lower-priced drinks such as beer.

Wine is losing favour among the world's younger people. Many younger wine drinkers are not drinking red wines, preferring sparkling wines like whites and roses. There also is a growing preference for ciders and coolers.

Polls indicate, however, that younger people in general are rethinking any alcohol use. One poll shows that more than one-third of respondents 18 to 35 said they were drinking too much alcohol and said it has negative effects on their health.

More than half of those young people responding to the poll said they have cut back on alcohol consumption, many noting they have participated in alcohol cutbacks such as 'Dry February.'

They have found an easy alternative in marijuana. Canadian alcohol sales have fallen while recreational drug sales have boomed since the federal government legalized cannabis five years ago.

Statistics Canada reports cannabis sales have increased annually since legalization, with Canadian spending $4.7 billion on the recreational drug in 2022/2023. That's a $0.6 billion jump from the previous year.

StatsCan also reports that cannabis spending now averages $150 a year for every Canadian of legal age.

Whether wine drinking will continue to fall is anyone's guess. The wine industry says sales of premium wines are increasing, but that seems to be a reflection of the growing divide between rich and poor Canadians.

Canadians with money will buy more expensive cars, bigger houses and premium wines. Those without will continue to cut back on all goods they find too expensive – wine included.

Wine prices were expected to increase significantly next month when the feds planned to boost the alcohol excise tax by almost five per cent. However, Ottawa has backed off that increase and has said the excise tax will remain capped at a two-per-cent increase for two years.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation welcomed this year's reduced tax boost but said alcohol should not be taxed at all. It has said that taxes already account for roughly 65 percent of the price of wine.

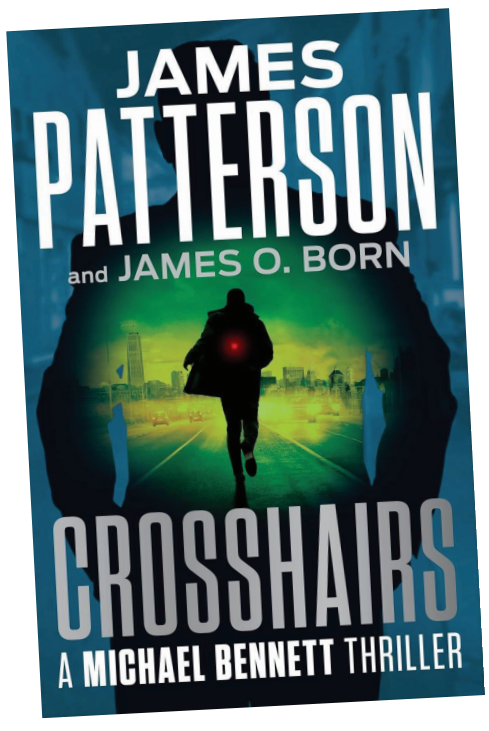
"Canadians are struggling with inflation and the last thing we need is the feds making it more expensive to enjoy a cold one at the end of a long work week," Franco Terrazzano, a federation director has said. "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should be trying to make life more affordable and that means scrapping his alcohol tax hikes."

I'll drink to that!

Minden Memories

William Bowron was laid to rest on February 7, 1923. He served during the World War I and succumbed to a fatal injury caused by a mustard gas attack. The ceremony was held at the Minden Cemetery by an honour guard who fired a salute over his grave. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

HCPL's Book of the Week



A sniper dubbed "The Long Shot Killer" is taking out impossible targets in New York City and as the unknown shooter's hit list mounts, Detective Michael Bennett calls for reinforcements.

Partnering with a former Army Ranger and sniper with NYPD's Emergency Services Unit, Rob Trilling, the two begin hunting for the killer.

But when his new partner begins to log unexplained absences from duty, only Bennett can prove whether the decorated officer is a lonely hunter or a hardened assassin.

Crosshairs by James Patterson and James O. Born is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

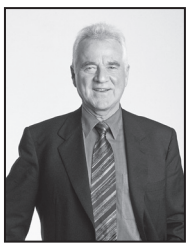
Is technology accelerating the great divide in income?

BACK IN the 1980s, when Artificial Intelligence (AI) was still the stuff of science fiction and computers and automation were changing the way we worked, a number of futurists and economists predicted "the end of work" and rising living standards.

Not only would we not need to work, according to these experts, but incomes and living standards would rise due to the wealth these new technologies generated.

Clearly, it hasn't quite turned out the way – at least not for the majority of Canadians.

When I was CEO of Magna International back in the late 1980s – the time when robotics first began appearing on automotive production and assembly lines – I publicly raised the issue of who would be the chief beneficiaries of these new technologies and what would happen to the assembly line jobs being replaced by robots.



FRANK STRONACH
Principles

It's hardly mentioned anymore nowadays, in part because most of our manufacturing has either been shuttered or offshored to countries where workers are still cheaper than robots.

But without a doubt, many jobs will disappear in the years ahead because of technological advances.

In the decade ahead, everything from self-driving transport trucks and taxi cabs to elder care robots will cause the loss of millions of jobs around the world. And that's not counting the job losses that will happen once AI becomes deeply rooted in the offices and workplaces of our country.

A report published last week by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that AI – the most transformational new technology to emerge in our lifetimes – has the potential to increase incomes for high-income earners while also accelerating income inequality.

On the other hand, the IMF report also warned that AI could displace a large number of high-income workers performing white-collar jobs in finance, communications, and law.

But even if AI ends up wiping out a large number of jobs, we can't blame a technology for our society's growing income inequality. That's the fault of our system.

The fact remains, Canada's economic fundamentals are unsound and are not conducive to fostering economic growth.

If we want to insulate ourselves from the coming wave of job losses that AI will inevitably unleash, then we need to once again start making things. We need to stop exporting our abundant raw materials and importing finished goods made elsewhere.

We need to start turning our natural resources into value-added goods that the rest of the world wants to buy. And we need to unchain our entrepreneurs and small business owners so they can create the innovative new products that will generate added wealth and increase the size of our economy.

If we created the right conditions for start-ups and small businesses to thrive – by removing business income tax, for example – then we could spark an economic boom that would add hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

But small businesses across Canada have to unite and make their voice heard, because right now no one is listening to their needs, and unless they band together and become a force to be reckoned with, nothing will change.

Small businesses can revive our manufacturing sector – if we dismantle the red tape and create the right environment for them to grow and prosper.

That would be a guaranteed solution to raising the incomes and living standards of millions of Canadians, regardless of what AI or any other disruptive technology has in store in the years to come.

To learn more about how we can "Regenerate Canada", email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

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County wins award for Hike Haliburton

The County of Haliburton has much to celebrate, as they were recently named the recipient of an award for Hike Haliburton by Festivals and Events Ontario.

The provincial organization named Hike Haliburton as one of the top 100 Festivals in Ontario at an awards gala held on February 28, 2024. Hike Haliburton was included in a list of outstanding events that excel within the industry.

"Submissions from FEO members were received for consideration in the fall of 2023 and were judged by an independent panel of judges. Festivals and events of all kinds from every corner of Ontario were represented in the submissions – from community festivals to internationally recognized events," read a press release issued by Festival and Events Ontario.

Hike Haliburton is a free, bi-annual event held in Winter and Fall, across Haliburton County. The fall edition was established 20 years ago, as a way to promote the vast network of hiking trails across the county. The event is organized by the County's Tourism department, and hikes are guided by local volunteers. The multi-day event attracts visitors from across Ontario, as well as local residents, who can participate in various levels of hikes, either on foot or snowshoes. Last year's festivals had a total of 910 participants combined.

Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen was pleased by the award bestowed upon Hike Haliburton by FEO and acknowledged the work and efforts that take place behind the scenes to execute such an event.

"We are fortunate to have breathtaking scenery and trails in Haliburton County and Hike Haliburton is a chance to explore our backyard and natural surroundings," said the Warden. "I am pleased the County was recognized for executing a well-organized event that draws visitors to our area to enjoy all that we have to offer. I wish to thank the staff and all the volunteers who contribute to making the festivals a success."

The award was presented to the County of Haliburton at the IMAGINE 2024 Festivals & Events Ontario Conference, held in Niagara Falls. Tourism Assistant Eric Casper was on hand to accept the award on behalf of the County.

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U-Links celebrates student research

U-Links Centre for Community Based Research welcomes the community to an in-person showcase of student researchers from Trent University, Fleming College and Toronto Metropolitan University presenting their research projects from the 2023/2024 academic year. This is an opportunity for project hosts and the community at large to hear presentations, ask questions about the outcomes of the research and to network with other community members.

U-Links, a part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative, is an independent, community driven research centre in that all research is conceived of and driven by the needs of the community as opposed to the academic interests of post-secondary institution partners. U-Links works with community partners, student researchers and professors to conduct research and community service-learning in Haliburton County. This community-based education program helps facilitate research projects focused on the environmental, social, economic and cultural sectors in Haliburton County.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of U-Links. Jim Blake, a co-founder of U-Links and current Co-Chair expressed it this way. "It is remarkable that in partnership with students and faculty Trent University, Fleming College and community hosts and volunteers, U-Links have been able to facilitate over 300 research initiatives and that all of that information is available to the community. It is quite an achievement."

U-Links will be featuring the presentation of 21 projects by student researchers who will discuss their findings on a community identified question or issue. Luba Cargill, founder of ATIP – Apple Tree Identification Project – shared her experience as a project host, "U-Links offers an exceptional opportunity for community partners to access relevant research for the betterment of the partner and the community, while at the same time providing students with research experience about community issues and concerns to help guide them in their post graduate education or careers. U-Links provided guidance, support and inspiration throughout the process." We look forward to working with U-Links research students on future projects.»U-Links is very excited to announce that this year's keynote speaker is Sean Campbell, Executive Director of Union Co-operative, an innovative housing initiative in Kitchener-Waterloo. The focus of his talk will be on successful models and tools for affordable housing. The timing is perfect as U-Links, along with project hosts Fay Martin, Fay Wilkinson and Dave Wilfong is working with grad students from Trent University to look at housing alternatives for Haliburton County. The findings will be presented in the fall. Project host and long-time housing activist, Fay Martin says, "We are thrilled that Sean Campbell is this year's keynote speaker. The housing needs in Haliburton County – in the whole country - are dire. Carrying on doing what we've always done is not going to get us out of the years-long housing stock deficit we're in. We need to fill in the gaps in the housing continuum so that the people who live here have the kind of housing they need to thrive. Time to think outside the box regarding everything – design, construction, size, legal/tenure arrangements, partnerships, relationships, financial sources, etc."

Submitted

Razamatazz brings magic to Haliburton

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Bring your friends and family to the upcoming Razzamataz Kids' Show starring Eric Leclerc.

While originally from Ottawa, Leclerc has performed all over the world and is bringing a jaw-dropping magic show to Haliburton.

"Think you know what magic is? Think again!" said Nicole Stewart, chair of Razzamatazz.

"Eric Leclerc is a two-time Canadian magic champion, performing a healthy dose of laughter for your soul and feel-good magic for your brain! Originally from Ottawa, Leclerc currently travels the world performing tricks, pranks and all things magic," said Stewart.

Leclerc's show, Mr E. Takes Off His Mask will amaze an audience of all ages through comedy and jaw-dropping feats.

The show will take place on Sunday Mar. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Eric Leclerc's YouTube channel has over 10,000,000 total views and over 130,000 subscribers.

"He currently co-hosts the game show AU DEFI on TFO networks and is a regular guest on National Geographic's top rated show Brain Games. His original magic and hilariously crazy attitude have made him a 2-time winner of the Canadian Magic Championship title," said Stewart.

Leclerc has also successfully fooled Penn and Teller on Penn & Teller: Fool Us.

"This magic show is designed to delight both young and old and is suitable for children and adults alike," said Stewart.

Tickets cost $7 for a child and $10 for an adult and can be purchased online at razzamataz.ca or at the show. We encourage people to buy their tickets online in advance as there will be a limited number available at the door.

Prepare for a dazzling spectacle on Sunday at Eric Leclerc's show Mr. E Takes Off His Mask on Mar. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. /Photo submitted

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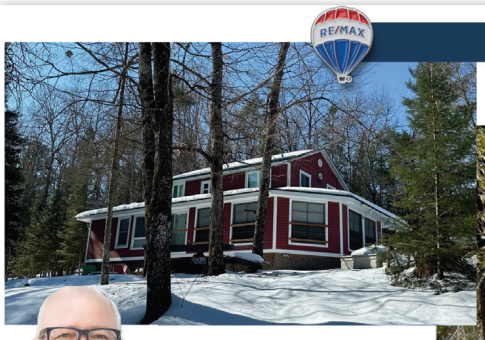

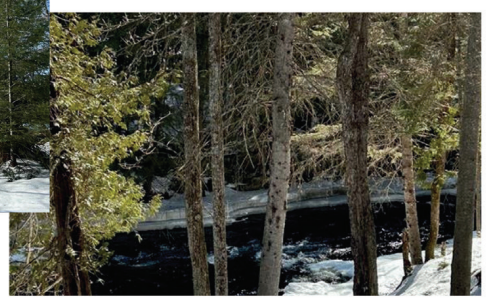

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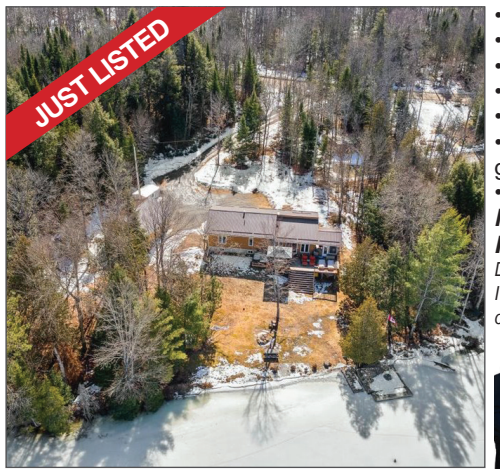

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Beyond the "Best of" list: searching for better product reviews

THIS IS the second of a two-part series about finding reliable product reviews online.

In the previous installment of Humans and Technology, we looked at how large media companies are flooding the internet with "Best of" product review lists through search engine optimization (SEO) and magazine brand recognition, and how that can drown out higher quality review sites.

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As the business model for magazines has shifted online, and as advertisers have more granular insight into how their ads are performing, we've seen large media companies such as Dotdash, Hearst, and others, produce similar "Best of" product review lists across their magazine branded websites including Better Homes and Gardens, Real Simple, Country Living, and many others. Consequently, search results for product reviews have become dominated by very cookie-cutter, superficial review lists that aren't always useful or trustworthy.

So how do you, the consumer, wade through all the content clamouring for your attention to find reliable product reviews? The first and easiest strategy is to not frame your search as "Best [thing] of 2024". SEO practitioners look for very common search terms like this and optimize their websites to be served up when this kind of search occurs. This is largely what's happening when the brands from large media companies post "Best of" lists.

One tactic to try when looking for reviews on products is to search the topic rather than the products. For instance, if you're looking for camera equipment to photograph wildlife, instead of searching for "Best camera lens for wildlife" try searching for "wildlife photography getting started." That way your search results will be more weighted toward enthusiasts and professionals willing to share their knowledge, and inevitably the equipment they use, rather than just lists of affiliate links.

You can also look for review sites that specialize in one type of product. HouseFresh, which focuses on home air quality, was the one that initially raised the alarm about large media companies drowning out independent review sites in Google's search results. Here are a few more specialty review sites that you might not think of: Best Binoculars & Binocular Reviews, Apple Rankings ("the definitive list of good and bad apples"), and Sleep Like the Dead (which reviews bedding and mattresses).

You can also look specifically for review sites that are either not-for-profit (like Consumer Reports), or that clearly publish their testing methodology (like The Wirecutter, owned by the New York Times or Montreal-based rtings.com). A good review site will also retest products as new ones come on the market, update product listings as availability changes, and clearly date those updates so that consumers know when they occurred.

Because large media companies own many home and lifestyle brands, and are targeting keywords related to those things, your search results may still be littered with these "Best of" lists for certain products. However, lists don't need to be useless. Rather than relying on them to make a final decision, you can use them as a jumping off point for further searching. This is called pearl growing.

Pearl growing is when you search for something, click on a website, and then use information on that website to form another search. So, if you search for "Laundry detergent reviews", you might still find a lot of "Best of" lists in your search results. You can then look at those product reviews, open another tab, and search for those products independently. You can repeat this process as often as you want until you feel like you have enough information to make a good purchasing decision. The term pearl growing refers to how molluscs use bits of sand to create beautiful pearls. In this case, your bits of sand are bits of information that you're picking up all over the internet.

Another option to find product reviews is through online forums. Many hobbyists are active on forums that specialize in their particular pursuit. There are dozens of woodworking forums, for instance, as well as a subreddit dedicated to the topic. These forums provide access to other people, just like you, who have experience, interest, and product recommendations. In the internet world, this is basically the equivalent of in-person word-of-mouth.

Enabling consumers to make good purchasing decisions is important on many levels. Economically it ensures that we don't waste our money. Environmentally it ensures that we don't make unnecessary purchases that ultimately wind up in the landfill. Google shifting their search algorithm away from favouring these big media companies and their superficial "Best of" lists, thereby letting more voices float to the top, can help consumers make better choices. But until that happens, we need to know how to navigate the world of product reviews so we can find the best information possible.

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Answers on page 14

Halco Electronics to close shop this month

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Don van Nood prepares to retire from Halco Electronics in the village of Haliburton after almost 25 years of ownership and management. The store will close permanently at the end of the month. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Halco Electronics, a staple storefront of Haliburton's downtown for the past few decades, is getting ready to power down and close up.

Owner Don van Nood said it's time for retirement after nearly 25 years of managing his home away from home on Highland Street.

"This store really allowed us to give back to the community. We met so many great people through this business," van Nood said.

The closure comes at the same time as the purchase of The Source by Best Buy and Bell Canada.

Half of the country's 300 The Source stores will close, and about 165 are being rebranded as Best Buy Outlets, a change van Nood said wouldn't have been beneficial for them.

As an electronics technician by trade, van Nood was always interested in the Radio Shack world.

"My late wife brought the opportunity to become a partner at Haliburton's Radio Shack to my attention," he said.

Van Nood was the chief building official for Dysart at the time.

He went in as a partner with Greg Bishop in 1999 before eventually taking over the business.

Prior to moving back to the county, he used his skills to fix hematology and chemistry analysers for hospitals and medical labs in Cambridge.

"I came up to Haliburton and was going to retire, but ended up working part time for Radio Shack, then I got a full time position with the township and did part time work at Radio Shack," he laughed. "And then of course, I ended up full-time at Radio Shack and have been here ever since."

He reminisced as his classic rock playlist echoed through speakers in the store and pulled out an old Radio Shack catalogue from the 80s.

"When we first started, there were hardly any cell phones. The ones that existed were either the great big ones that went under the seat of your car or a huge hand set. We sold cassette decks, CD players, amplifiers and stereos, picture tube TVs," he said.

Times have changed.

He said when he started, a 26" TV was $1,000.

"What can you buy for $1,000 now? An 85 inch."

Now, the big sellers are cell phones and internet products.

"It's what's driving Bell to buy The Source in the first place," van Nood said. "The way business is done is so different. All of the ordering is done online."

Van Nood said he will be staying in the community and looks forward to spending more time with his two grandchildren.

The official last day for the store is March 30 with a move out date of March 31.

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The St. Patrick's Day Breakfast was a successful event in Irondale on Saturday, Mar. 17. /Tim Yano Special to the *Times*

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Every ending is a new beginning

The Huskies competed against the Cobourg Cougars in the first round of playoffs, the two teams were battling for best out of seven games. The Huskies won the first, but lost the next four, finishing their season. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

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Easter Colouring Contest

When: Mar. 1 to 28 at 12 noon
Where: Curry Chevrolet, 5065 County Rd 21
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Haliburton County Historical Society

When: March 21, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum, 66 Museum Rd.
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When: March 22, at 7 p.m. until dawn
Where: Head Lake Park, Haliburton
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When: Mar. 23, bar opens 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
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When: Mar. 23, 10 a.m. to noon
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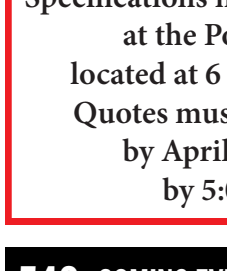

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Hopes for Kanawa still alive

Although the future looks dim, Frank Wallace is not yet abandoning hope that a permanent home for the Kanawa canoe collection can be found in Haliburton Village.

The long struggle to relocate the tremendous collection of water craft from its present site in Stanhope Township to be a permanent site at Glebe Park ran into a brick wall recently when Sir Sanford Fleming College reversed its decision to participate with an expansion of the Haliburton campus.

Wallace, the man behind the relocation drive, said he met with Frank Reardon from SSFC and was told the Frost Campus is facing serious financial problems. Because the Haliburton Campus falls under the wing of this campus, an expansion here is out of the question, Wallace was told.

This all comes as a surprise to Wallace, who says all correspondence with the college to this point had been very positive. He said the college's former president Charles Pascal was in full support of the Kanawa museum becoming part of the school.

Wallace, who is a member of the Haliburton County Historical Society, said everything is now in a "holding position" while he investigates one final possibility. "We have one more card to play," said Wallace, but did not elaborate on what that might be.

Enough money had been raised to conduct a feasibility study on the project. However, without the commitment from the college, Wallace says that study will not go ahead.

Flood zoning being revised

The latest revision to the Gull River flood plain mapping in Minden will come as good news to the group of property owners who strongly objected to the initial plans.

The proposed flood plain has been revised and will now be confined mainly to the river channel. Anson, Hindon and Minden Chief Building Inspector Peter Oomen says the new mapping will loosen the restrictions on construction within the area initially designated as flood plain. According to Oomen, that area will now become part of the flood fringe, where development will be allowed if flood proofing precautions are taken.

The revisions apply to the flood zone within Anson, Hindon and Minden. Lutterworth Township had received no indication that the zone in that municipality would be shifted.

The flood plain proposed at a public meeting on March 5 stirred much dissent from those whose properties lie within the boundaries. About 50 people attended that meeting and strongly opposed the mapping as laid out by the ministry.

meeting is still a go for Wednesday

A second meeting was held in Lutterworth Township on March 26 and the opposition to the zoning in that municipality was equally as vocal. The proposed zoning could eliminate the potential for development on these lands and cause the property values to plummet, the owners felt.

The Ministry of Natural Resources' decision to decrease the area of the flood plain comes as a surprise to Gord Monk, who is in the process of organizing a property owners association to oppose the initial zoning. Although he is pleased with this decision, he said he is still cautious with his optimism. "Until I see it etched in stone, I don't necessarily believe that's the way it will be," he said last week.

He is still planning to have a meeting of property owners this Wednesday morning in the council chambers to make sure everyone is aware of what is happening.

According to Oomen, the revised flood plain includes the river channel and a few low-lying areas along the banks. Letters are now being sent out to affected property owners. Another public hearing is slated for May 17 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

Author Lester Pelham, ably played by Andy Cooper, reads through the script of his latest production with the assistance of his secretary Maggie Horton, played by Terry Johnson and actress Toni Williams, played by Sarah Stouffer. This latest HHSS Drama Club production had the audience in stitches throughout the performances on Friday and Saturday night. Along with other cast members, Andrea Burton, Richard Beers, Tammy Powell, Chantal Bellefleur, Lee Raback, Angela Smith and Alison Sisson, these three proved there is a wealth of theatrical talent coming up through the ranks in Haliburton.

Wilberforce school challenges others to support band trip

A challenge has been issued by the grade 2 - 3 class of Wilberforce Public School to all other public schools in Haliburton County.

The youngsters took a glass jar around to their fellow students and raised $25 for the HHSS Stage Band trip to Calgary.

Donations are being made by people from all walks of life who support the local kids in their quest for funds to attend the National Stage Band Festival in Calgary in May. A few of the latest announced were $1,000 from Minden Kinsmen Club, $50 from Stanhope Recreation Committee and a donation from local businessman Gordon Monk.

If you are interested in contributing to the HHSS Stage Band Fund raising effort, cheques may be made payable to HHSS Stage Band and sent to the High School, Box 390, Haliburton, K0M 1S0 or

donations may be left at The Times office on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden where they will be gratefully accepted.

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